

# PROPERTY LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000,000, AND STILL GROWING

## FIRE ADDS TERROR TO FLOOD HORRORS

(Continued From Page One.)

Martin's Ferry early today. Another house followed, split in two pieces, with eight persons clinging to it.

### Reports Show Big Fatality List

Fremont today reported the recovery of three bodies and it is believed when the water recedes at least ten more will be found. More than a dozen are still reported missing. Two-thirds of the city is under water.

Harry Workman, his wife, and child were drowned at Brink Haven when their house was washed down the Mochican river while they slept.

Two deaths are reported from Woster and two from Dennison. Both cities are flooded and Dennison is without food supplies or lights.

Fire broke out in the flooded district of Hamilton during the night. It was estimated today that the dead there will reach twenty. This estimate is based wholly on reports of drownings. Thousands are homeless, camping in the hills.

Fourteen bodies have been recovered from the flood up to today in Delaware. A score of persons are missing, believed to have perished in the waters. An epidemic of typhoid was feared there today as only river water is to be had for drinking. Troops have taken charge of the city with instructions to shoot to kill all looters. Rescuers are at work today.

### Marooned in Tree

Two men, three women, and a baby girl are in a tree on the west side of the river today lashed to the branches by a clothes line. Apparently two of them are unconscious. They have been in the tree since yesterday morning, when they fled from the rising river. Though they are in plain view of the Ohio State capitol, three hundred yards away, they cannot be reached.

Rewards offered by Robert F. Wolfe, newspaper proprietor, to the boatman who will rescue them, has produced heroic efforts in plenty, but the roaring torrent has swamped every boat that has put out from shore.

A baby was born in a motorboat today as the mother, taken from a flooded house, was being rushed to Carmel Hospital. The boatmen served as nurses as best they could, and wrapped the babe, a girl, in their coats. All were soaked with the driving rain, but doctors say both mother and child will live.

Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks announced a relief train would leave the hilltop district this afternoon and run directly to Dayton, over the Pennsylvania railroad. Governor Cox is arranging to have legislators and others whose homes are in the flooded district, go on the train.

### River at Flood Stage

The Ohio river today reached flood stages, submerging portions of Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Martins Ferry, Bellaire, Bridgeport, Wellsville, Benwood, East Liverpool, and other cities. Shenango river flooded parts of Pennsylvania, including Sharon, where from four to fifty were reported killed. Reports from Loganport, Ind., and other cities flooded by the Wabash, tell of many dead, intense suffering among the refugees and great need of assistance. Allegheny and Genesee rivers in

western New York flooded, doing great damage to property. Inhabitants of the valleys fleeing to high ground. Railroad traffic throughout flood-swept regions practically at a standstill, causing greatest difficulty in bringing aid to the stricken population. Governor Cox of Ohio, and members of the legislature prepared today to take a relief train as far toward Dayton as possible and push on to the stricken city by boats. Cold weather throughout Indiana and Ohio and a blizzard in the northern sections added to the horror of the situation.

### Half of Wheeling Flooded

WHEELING, W. Va., March 27.—Half of Wheeling is under water today and it is estimated that the greater part of the city will be submerged by night. A 47-foot stage early today was expected to be followed by 55 feet later today.

### Fifty Die at Sharon, Pa.

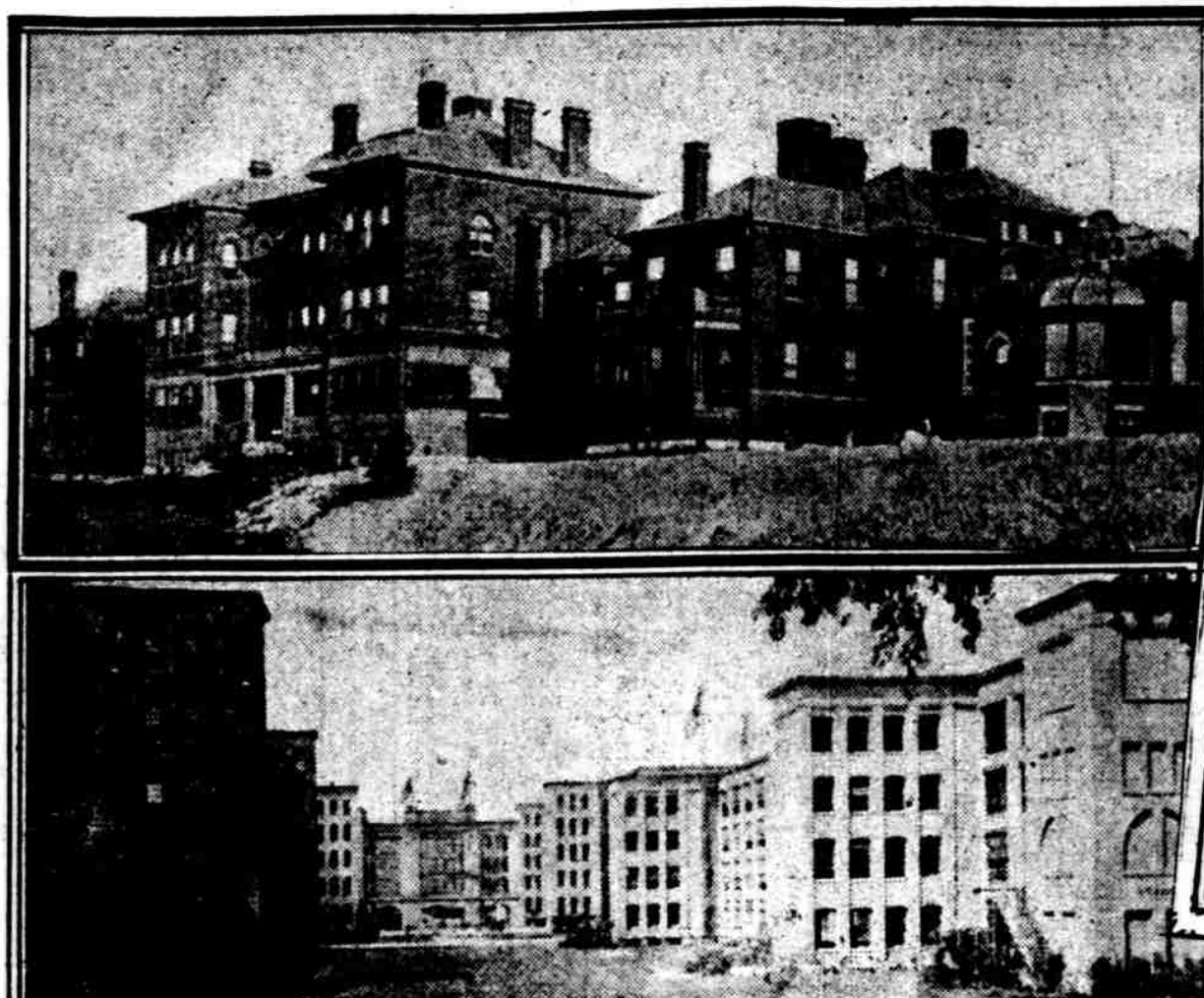
PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27.—An unconfirmed report from Sharon, Pa., said fifty lives were lost in the Shenango valley when a big dam burst above Sharon.

The Allegheny river, believed to have reached its crest at 8:30, will reach a 31-foot stage by midnight, the forecaster says.

### Allegheny River at Crest

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27.—The Allegheny river reached a stage of 28.3 feet at 8:30 this morning, according to Forecaster Pennywitt, who stated that he believed the flood here had about reached its crest. Twenty-two feet is flood stage. Cold winds with rain, occasionally shifting to sleet, made greater hardships for the flood stricken.

## Buildings in Heart of Stricken City of Dayton and Break in a Reservoir Wall



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## SUPPLIES ARE LOST OR BLOCKED ON WAY

Tents Have Been Marooned Somewhere Between Philadelphia and Dayton.

Supplies rushed toward Dayton are either lost or blocked today. The War Department therefore has issued blanket orders permitting officials to purchase supplies on Government credit.

Fifty-thousand tents, needed by the homeless sufferers of Dayton, are marooned somewhere between Philadelphia and Dayton. Every railroad company over which the tents would pass has been urged to trace the tents and push them through ahead of all other business. Major General Wood, chief of staff, took steps to have the presidents of the roads superintend the passage. This is being done, but Dayton shut off from the outside world, will not be able to have the use of the tents even though they reach Ohio sections which are beyond the flood zone.

Messages indicate that emergency supplies sent out of St. Louis are not stalled as badly as are the tents from Philadelphia. The situation is critical. The stories that filter in over the wireless show that 20,000 people are in dire need of the tents and rations the Government stands ready to supply. One million rations, vaccine, antityphoid serum, medical and surgical supplies, are in the supplies now being sent over the critical lines into the stricken Ohio and Indiana districts. The department sent out emergency orders to the following officers to proceed for relief work, and report immediately on the need for troops: Capt. C. Dalton, to Youngstown, Ohio, in charge of northeastern Ohio district; Capt. Benjamin Lear, to Port Wayne, Ind., in charge of northern Indiana territory; Lieut. H. J. Kelly, to Lima, Ohio, for northwestern Ohio; Capt. W. K. Naylor, to Regan, and Lieut. L. E. Hanson, to Cincinnati to act under Major Norrmyre, of Washington, who will have charge of distributing tents and supplies.

Columbus barracks is ordered to give possible aid. Captains Dalton, Lear, and Naylor, and Lieutenants Kelly, Regan, and Hanson each have two experienced non-commissioned officers.

Capt. John J. Kingman and Capt. A. Smith, of the engineering forces, were ordered to rush to Hamilton, Ohio, from whence came the news of the breaking of the Lewistown dam, 20 miles distant.

Capital Man Hears of Destruction of the Champion Paper Mill

Information has been received by John O. La Gorce, of the National Geographic Society, that the Champion Paper Mill at Hamilton, Ohio, has been destroyed. Mr. La Gorce is editor of the National Geographic Magazine, and was advised of the disaster because the mill will be unable to supply orders of paper for the magazine.

The Champion Paper Company is one of the largest paper mills in the country.

President of France Sends His Sympathy To President Wilson

President Poincaré, of France, today called to President Wilson the sympathy of the French people with the flood sufferers in Ohio and Indiana. The message follows: "The terrible ravages caused by the inundations, I beg Your Excellency to believe that we most sincerely share in the bereavements which have afflicted so many American families because of this awful disaster."

The President at once made the following reply: "In this hour of mourning and suffering, the American people find a real consolation in the sympathy of their brethren of France. In the name of my countrymen, I thank Your Excellency and the French nation."



Upper Left—Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton, Reported Destroyed, With Heavy Death Loss. Upper Right—What Happens When a Reservoir Gives Way, a Break Like This at Dayton Will Imperil Thousands of Lives. Center—The Plant of the National Cash Register Company, Where Several Thousand Flood Victims Are Housed. Bottom—Main Street, Dayton, Before the Flood. It Is Now Under Water, and Fire Is Sweeping It.

## McADOO SENDS BLUE TO FLOOD DISTRICT

Surgeon General Will Personally Direct Active Relief Plans for the Treasury.

Surg. Gen. Rupert Blue, of the Public Health Service, will leave Washington this afternoon for the Ohio flood district, where he will act as the personal representative of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, and will personally direct the active relief measures being undertaken by the Treasury Department. He will also assume charge of the disease and pestilence preventive measures. His instructions are to make detailed reports of conditions and necessary relief measures to Secretary McAdoo.

The citizens of St. Thomas, Ontario, are to send relief supplies to the stricken flood victims. The following message was received from Mayor Price, of St. Thomas, by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis, today: "The city of St. Thomas, Ontario, wishes to assist the Ohio flood sufferers. Will it be necessary to pay duty on donations of food, clothing, medicines, etc., consigned to the relief committee or to the mayors of Ohio towns?"

Secretary Curtis immediately sent this message in reply: "The department will gladly waive the payment of customs duty on donations of food, clothing, and medicine consigned to the relief committee and mayors of afflicted towns. Please notify the department of the port or ports of entry."

Today's game between the Climbers and Georgetown was called off by Manager Griffith because of rain. Though the diamond was covered, conditions at the park were unfavorable for the proposed contest. Tomorrow at 3 o'clock Charlie Doolin's Phillies are scheduled to play the first of two games here with the Griffins.

## GARRISON LEAVES TO AID SUFFERERS

War Secretary May Be Followed Into Ohio by Wilson, If Conditions Grow Worse.

(Continued from First Page.) Rhoads, military aide to the President; Captain Hartmann, acting quartermaster for the expedition; a messenger and two stenographers.

The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad assured the War Department that the Ohio was intact as far as Chillicothe, Ohio, and that the special train could be placed there early tomorrow morning. Chillicothe is forty miles from Columbus and fifty miles from Dayton. The train will be sent to which ever point can be reached. These two cities, the centers of the devastated district, are the objective points of the special train. The Secretary of War will make his headquarters at the nearest accessible place. Where headquarters will be established will be determined by circumstances.

Secretary of the Interior Lane placed at the disposal of the War Department all the first aid cars used by the Bureau of Mines. These are well equipped for taking care of persons overcome by gas or drowning as well as giving first aid to injured persons. The staff selected by Secretary of War Garrison to go with him comprises the most experienced men available. Major General Wood, as head of the army, is experienced in handling large groups of men dispersed over a large territory. Major Rhoads, the President's military aide, is regarded as one of the best surgeons in the army, and has a thorough knowledge of army sanitation. His experience in dealing with the difficult sanitary situation resulting from the loss and ever increasing number of dead bodies of men and animals, together with the dangers of polluted water supply, is held to be invaluable.

The first aid cars are now located at Kingston, Pa., Evansville, Ind., Pittsburgh, Pa., Bruceton, Pa., and Stearns, Ky. Each of these cars is in charge of two men experienced in giving aid in any character of mine injury. There are a number of injury cases of suffocation expected in the flooded districts similar to those experienced in mines. These cars will be moved on the order of the Secretary of War. Accompanying the Secretary of War will be a number of signal service men, equipped with the latest wireless lines of communication if necessary. The Secretary said that Federal troops will not be ordered into the territory to prevent looting unless it

## Red Cross Fund Reaches Nearly \$2,000

Up to Noon Today

Contributions received up to noon today by Howard S. Reeside, treasurer of the Washington branch of the American Red Cross, amount to nearly \$2,000. A large sum besides this has been received, it is known, at the headquarters of the American Red Cross

## Veteran of 82-Life Saved

Mr. W. C. Atkinson is filled with enthusiasm over his complete recovery from grip and loss of appetite.



MR. W. C. ATKINSON—82 years old.

a musician only 17 years of age. I was 82 years old September 25th. Born in 1830. Very distinctly do I remember seeing the stars fall."—W. C. Atkinson, Russellville, Tenn.

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## INAUGURAL SURPLUS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Treasury Clerks Will Donate Same, and Other Departments Will Aid in Work.

Several thousand dollars for the Ohio and Indiana flood sufferers is being raised in the executive departments of the Government. The hat is being passed in the Postoffice Department and the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce, and at the Treasury Department a balance of \$1,638.46 of seat sales over expenditures for the inaugural stands is to be contributed.

Arrangements were made yesterday for the pro rata distribution of the Treasury funds among the ticket subscribers who put up the stands, but it was suggested that that entire amount be turned over to the flood and fire victims. Practically every office, where the question was put to a vote, approved it unanimously. On the pro rata basis an 18-cent rebate would have been made on each of the tickets that cost in the first place \$1.75 and \$1.50 each.

At the Postoffice Department Postmaster General Burleson started a subscription list with a good sum. Duplicate lists are being rapidly passed through the department, and \$1,000 is the goal. When this sum is raised it will be turned over to the proper authorities. Director of the Census E. Dana Durand, started a similar subscription in the Census office. Similar action is expected in the other executive departments. Whether or not these funds will be lauded as from the Government employees of Washington, has not yet been determined.

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in the War Department. Mr. Reeside has been given \$1,000.

The largest subscription in the list given out by Mr. Reeside at his office in the American Security and Trust Company Building is \$1,000, given by the Washington plate printer local.

The list follows:	
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Cosmos Theater Company	100
Ernest W. Smith	5
E. F. Drown & Sons	25
James T. Owens	5
F. E. Sargent	10
Charlotte M. Condit	5
Lizzie E. Knox	5
Helen E. Coolidge	5
Ethel E. Mueller	5
Charles Elpham	25
William Kidd	10
Cash	5
Mary J. Bradshaw	10
Virginia Bradshaw	10
Cash	1
Franklin P. Wilson	10
A. C. Lampe	10
W. H. Rapley	100
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Luther Conant, Jr.	10
L. H. Ford	20
A. Friend	5
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